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1. WALDHEIM/BEGIN CONVERSATION--

ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM LASTED ONE HOUR AND FOCUSED ON PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. JEWS IN SYRIA, THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, AND GENEVA CONFERENCE PROCEDURE, ISRAELI COUNSELOR LAMDAN TOLD USUN. HE DESCRIBED THE MEETING AS CONSTRUCTIVE IN WHICH BOTH SIDES CAME AWAY FEELING PLEASED.

LATER, USYG URQUHART TOLD AMB LEONARD THAT BEGIN PUSHED IDEA OF UN PEACEKEEPING FORCES BEING INSTALLED IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, ARGUING IT WAS VITAL TO DEFEND CHRISTIANS THERE FROM THEIR MOSLEM ENEMIES. BEGIN SAID ISRAEL WOULD WELCOME UN FORCES TO DO THIS ON CONDITION CONTIGENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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MUST COME FROM STATES WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL, AND UN TROOPS MUST BE ADEQUATE TO DEAL WITH PLO FORCES AND WOULD HAVE "FULL RESPONSIBILITY" FOR KEEPING THEM NORTH OF LITANI RIVER. WALDHEIM POINTED OUT UN COULD INSTALL FORCES ONLY WITH ASSENT OF GOVERNMENT CONCERNED AND WITH MANDATE FROM SC. BEGIN INDICATED HE WAS THINKING OF UN FORCES ONLY FOR LIMITED PERIOD UNTIL LEBANESE ARMY COULD BE BUILD UP TO ASSUME ITS RESPONSIBILITIES. URQUHART COMMENTED TASK BEGIN HAD OUTLINED WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, PERHAPS BEYOND EVEN UN'S BEST CAPABILITIES. (CONFIDENTIAL --USUN 2344,2352)

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2. PRIME MINISTER BEGIN'S PRESS CONFERENCE--

ISRAELI PM BEGIN, FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE SYG, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE SPOKE AT LENGTH OF THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WHERE CHRISTIAN VILLAGES WERE AN ISLAND SURROUNDED BY AN OCEAN OF MOSLEMS. HE SAID ISRAEL WOULD GO ON DEFENDING THIS MINORITY, BUT HE

APPEALED TO THE SYG AND US AND WORLD PUBLIC OPINION TO DO
SOMETHING ABOUT ASSISTING THE CHRISTIANS THERE. IN
DISCUSSING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, HE STATED THERE WAS
COMPLETE HISTORICAL DISTORTION OF THE TERM PALESTINIANS
AND DECLARED "WE ARE A GROUP OF PALESTINIANS." BEGIN
TOLD THE PRESS HE HAD ALSO RAISED WITH THE SYG THE
PLIGHT OF JEWS IN SYRIA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE
SAID: HE HAD PROTESTED TO THE SYG ABOUT THE ZIONISM/
RACISM RESOLUTION; ISRAEL WAS INTERESTED IN NORMALIZING
RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION, BUT ANY INITIATIVE
WOULD BE UP TO THE SOVIETS; ISRAEL HOPED TO HAVE DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS WITH DEMOCRATIC SPAIN, BUT ANY AMBASSA-
DOR MUST BE SENT TO JERUSALEM. ISRAEL, HE SAID, HAD
GIVEN HOUSING AND PERMANENT JOBS TO ARAB REFUGEES IN
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JUDEA, SAMARIA AND GAZA, AND WAS GOING TO SOLVE HUMANELY
THE PROBLEM OF ARAB REFUGEES. ARABS SHOULD SOLVE THE
PROBLEMS OF REFUGEES IN THEIR LANDS--"THE PROBLEM OF
THE REFUGEES IS THE ORIGINAL ARAB AGGRESSION." BEGIN
COMMENTED THAT CZECHOSLOVAKIA HAD NEVER BEEN ASKED TO
TAKE BACK GERMAN REFUGEES. (USUN 2349)

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3. PLO PRESS CONFERENCE--

AT SAME TIME ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BEGIN WAS MEETING WITH SYG WALDHEIM, PLO OBSERVER TERZI HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN DURING WHICH HE STRESSED ALL PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES MUST VIEW WITH PROFOUND REGRET BEGIN'S APPEARANCE AT UN. HE DECLARED BEGIN'S SO-CALLED "PEACE PLAN" IS IN FACT A WAR PLAN; IT ENVISIONED ESTABLISHMENT OF A BANTUSTAN FOR THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE. ASKED WHEN HE EXPECTED WAR TO START, TERZI REPLIED: " ASK THE STATE DEPARTMENT; ASK THE AMERICAN ESTABLISHMENT; ASK BEGIN. THEY ARE PREPARING FOR IT." ASKED IF HE WOULD SETTLE FOR A PLO "PRESENCE" AT GENEVA, HE SAID THE PALESTINIANS WOULD NOT "DEAL WITH THE ISSUES BY PROXY". HE REGRETTED SUGGESTION THAT PALESTINIANS BE PART OF A JORDANIAN DELEGATION TO GENEVA, AND ADDED "WE GO(TO GENEVA) ONLY AS AN INDEPENDENT PARTY."

TERZI SAID, "WE STILL HAVE OUR HANDS EXTENDED TO THE US ADMINISTRATION FOR DIRECT CONTACTS WITH THE PLO." LATER HE ADDED IT WAS UP TO SECRETARY VANCE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP; THE PLO WAS OPEN TO ANY CONTACT PROVIDED THERE WAS PRIOR RECOGNITION OF ITS INALIENABLE RIGHTS AS DEFINED BY THE UN. ASKED IF A UN PEACE FORCE WOULD BE USEFUL IN LEBANON, TERZI SAID THAT WAS A MATTER EN-

TIRELY FOR THE LEBANESE AUTHORITIES. AFTER A CORRESPON-
DENTED NOTED THE PLO COVENANT CALLED FOR DESTRUCTION OF
ISRAEL AND ASKED IF THAT WAS STILL PLO'S OBJECTIVE, TERZI
REPLIED, "WE CANNOT BE ASKED TO CHANGE OUR CHARTER UNTIL
THE CONDITIONS (BRINGING IT ABOUT) CHANGE." WHEN PRESSED,
HE SAID OBJECT WAS TO RETURN HOME AND EXERCISE RIGHT
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TO SELF-DETERMINATION IN OUR OWN LAND; "WE CALL FOR A CO-
EXISTENCE AND NOT A DESTRUCTION OF ANYONE." HE REJECTED
BEGIN'S PROPOSAL FOR THREE MIXED PEACE COMMISSIONS WITH
ISRAEL'S NEIGHBORS BECAUSE IT "COMPLETELY DENIES
THE FACT OF THE PALESTINIANS." (USUN 2348)

4. PLO SUPPORTS ADMISSION OF VIETNAM--

SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHEN CHU (CHINA) CIR-
CULATED TO SC MEMBERS TEXT OF LETTER FROM PLO OBSERVER
TERZI SUPPORTING ADMISSION OF VIETNAM TO THE UN. AFTER
PRAISING THE HISTORIC STRUGGLE OF THE VIETNAMESE AND
REFERRING TO THE DEVASTATION BY THE IMPERIALISTS, TERZI
CONCLUDED BY DEMANDING THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR IN-
FLICTING THAT DAMAGE NOW ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITY BY
DEFRAYING THE COST FOR THE NECESSARY REPAIRS. (USUN
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5. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE RELATING TO NAMIBIA--

USUN LEARNED THAT COMMITMENTS OF UNDP THROUGH
MAY, 1977 TOTAL \$775,000 FOR SWAPO EDUCATIONAL AND
HEALTH PROJECTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF NAMIBIA HEALTH AND
EDUCATION CENTER (NHEC) SITUATED IN WESTERN ZAMBIA.
THIS ALSO INCLUDES MODEL COLLECTIVE FARM AND ASSISTANCE
FOR RADIO, POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAINING FOR SWAPO.
UNDP ADVISED THAT THERE ARE REPORTED TO BE SOME 4000 NAMI-
BIANS AT NHEC, BUT SWAPO DOES NOT PERMIT DIRECT UN INSPECTIONS
OF ITS FACILITIES AND SO ANY FIGURES ON SPECIFIC NUMBERS
OF PEOPLE BENEFITTING ARE SUSPECT. OTHER UNDP PROGRAM
RELATING TO NAMIBIANS IS FIVE-YEAR ALLOCATION OF \$3,750,000
FOR UN INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA IN LUSAKA WHICH HAD INITIAL
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INTAKE LAST YEAR OF 100 STUDENTS (AND STAFF OF 66)
TRAINING TO FORM NUCLEUS OF A CIVIL SERVICE FOR INDEPENDENT
NAMIBIA. IN ADDITION, UNDP PLANS ALLOCATE FURTHER \$350,000
TO HELP SWAPO HANDLE INCREASING NUMBER OF NAMIBIANS NOW
SETTLING IN ANGOLA. UN EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
SOUTHERN AFRICA CURRENTLY HAS 157 NAMIBIANS IN TRAINING, IN-
CLUDING 81 SECONDARY STUDENTS IN CONGO,
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6. PROPOSED HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS--

AT THE REQUEST OF MME. DE BARISH, WHO RETURNED TO COSTA RICA FOR CONSULTATIONS, THE AUSTRALIANS HOSTED A MEETING OF INTERESTED DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS THE COSTA RICAN INITIATIVE ON THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS (HCHR). THE COSTA RICANS WISH TO EMPHASIZE FLEXIBILITY AND HOPE TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULT THIS YEAR AND TO KEEP THE ITEM ALIVE. DELEGATES PRESENT INDICATED COMMITMENT TO THE IDEA OF HCHR BUT A GREAT DEAL OF SKEPTICISM ON THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE RESOLUTION COULD BE SUCCESSFUL IN ITS PRESENT FORM. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS THAT THE GROUP SHOULD MEET WEEK OF JULY 25 TO PRODUCE NEW TEXT AND THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GROUP SHOULD BE GRADUALLY EXPANDED AT FUTURE MEETINGS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE--USUN 2353)

7. GA AGENDA ITEM ON MULTILATERAL TREATY-MAKING--

UN CIRCULATED (A/32/143) LETTER FROM AUSTRALIA AND COSPONSORS (EGYPT, INDONESIA, KENYA, MEXICO, NETHERLANDS, SRI LANKA) REQUESTING A NEW 32ND GA AGENDA ITEM ON "REVIEW OF THE MULTILATERAL TREATY-MAKING PROCESS." INTERESTING EXPLANATORY MEMO NOTES DEFICIENCIES IN AND BURDENS OF CURRENT MULTILATERAL TREATY NEGOTIATION AND RATIFICATION PROCESS, AND PROPOSES, AS FIRST STAGE, A DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE 6 AND A STUDY BY THE SECRETARIAT AND UNITAR. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --USUN 2333)

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8. COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES--

THE COMMITTEE JULY 22 AGAIN DEFERRED, UNTIL JULY 26, DECISION AS TO WHETHER TO APPROVE CONVENING OF CON-

REFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES ON UNIDO CONSTITUTION.
MEETING BEGAN WITH A LENGTHY JUSTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARIAT'S ACTION OFFERED BY UN LEGAL DIVISION. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS (INCLUDING US AND COSTA RICAN CHAIRMAN) CRITICIZED THE SECRETARIAT'S FAILURE TO CONSULT WITH COMMITTEE BEFORE INITIATING ARRANGEMENTS AND ISSUING INVITATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE. (EARLIER IN MORNING, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS RECEIVED COPY OF DRAFT AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE, ALSO CIRCULATED BY SECRETARIAT.) SOVIET REP WAS THE MAIN PROPONENT OF DEFERRING THE CONFERENCE UNTIL LATER TIME. INCLUDING AFTER 32ND GA. UK SUGGESTED THE COMMITTEE SIMPLY "TAKE NOTE" OF SECRETARIAT ACTION, NIGERIA, ROMANIA, AND THE PHILIPPINES ALL FAVORED WITHHOLDING APPROVAL FOR MEETING OR AT LEAST DEFERRING DECISION UNTIL FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTS COULD BE HELD. ULTIMATELY THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED NIGERIAN SUGGESTION THAT IT ATTEMPT TO GET SOME SORT OF READING OVER WEEKEND AND ACT ON JULY 26. (USUN 2345)

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